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On November 24, EconOff met with Mojeb Mohammed Othman, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) official in charge of Arab League affairs in the MFA's Arab Countries Department, and gathered the following information on the latest boycott-related developments in Yemen in response to REFTEL request:

- The ROYG continues to enforce the primary aspect of the Arab League Boycott (ALB), namely prohibiting the importation of Israeli-origin goods and services into Yemen. The ROYG does not enforce the secondary and tertiary aspects of the boycott and does not require participation in or with any other international boycotts.
- The ROYG's boycott practices have a minimal impact on the imports and sales of U.S. goods and services, as the practices are not very well enforced.
- The ROYG does not maintain an ALB office in Yemen. The ROYG participates in the annual meeting of the Central Boycott Office (CBO) in Damascus.
- The ROYG is implementing a 1995 governmental decision to renounce observance of the secondary and tertiary aspects of the boycott.
- The ROYG has not made any concrete efforts to stop enforcing the primary aspect of the ALB, and still actively supports it.
- Yemen does not trade with Israel, and thus does not have offices set up to facilitate such trade.

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